

AT DEATH'S DOOR.

The Wife of "The Grand Old Man" of England Reported to Be in a Precarious Condition.

Six Deaths From the Baldwin Fire at San Francisco—Other News From Various Parts of the Country.

London, Nov. 24.—Mrs. W. E. Gladstone is very ill, and her death is only a question of a few hours.

TWO DEATHS AT BENTON.

The People Fear Another Epidemic of Meningitis.

Benton, Ky., Nov. 24.—Two deaths have occurred in this county from meningitis within the past few days. The people are fearful of another epidemic. Six years ago this disease broke out in epidemic form, which resulted in fifty deaths.

KENTUCKY CHAMPIONSHIP.

Richmond, Nov. 24.—The Center college and Center University football teams will compete for the Kentucky championship this afternoon.

SIX DEAD.

San Francisco, Nov. 24.—The latest estimate of the number of dead as a result of the fire in the Baldwin hotel is six. Three persons are known to be missing, and it is feared many have perished.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Hampton, West Va., Nov. 24.—Mrs. Naver Staler and her niece were burned to death in their home this morning while asleep. The house was completely destroyed.

FOUGHT A DUEL.

Budapest, Nov. 24.—A duel was fought this morning between the Hungarian minister of the interior and a deputy. The deputy was seriously wounded, but the minister was unhurt. The deputy claimed the minister had insulted him, and the duel was the result.

FIRE AT DAYTON.

Dayton, O., Nov. 24.—Fire broke out in this city last night, and it was only by prompt action that a serious conflagration was averted. A large warehouse was destroyed, a church scorched and a residence damaged.

DROWNED WHILE DRUNK.

Springfield, Ky., Nov. 24.—John Shaghtnessy, a well-known local character, was drowned this morning while drinking. He had attempted to cross a creek.

SENTENCE COMMUTED.

Lexington, Nov. 24.—George Portwood, who was sentenced to be hanged in this city, has had his sentence commuted to life imprisonment by the governor. Portwood is delighted at the change, and will be sent to the penitentiary Monday.

OPPOSES EXTRA SESSION.

Washington, Nov. 24.—It is understood the President will oppose a extra session of congress. Members of congress are divided on the question, but many are urging the necessity of an extra session. The President's order modifying the civil service rules so as to let in officers who have heretofore held positions will be announced tomorrow.



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ANOTHER DEAL.

Austrian Report of Coaling Station Negotiations Between Great Britain and This Country.

London, Nov. 24.—The Vienna correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says it is semi-officially announced there that negotiations are on foot between Great Britain and the United States with a view of conceding to the latter a coaling station in the Straits of Bab-el-Mandeb, the straits uniting the Red sea with the Indian ocean. With this object in view, the islands of Socotra, in the Indian ocean, 120 miles east of Cape Guardafui, the eastern extension of Africa, is to be leased to the United States, the latter undertaking to erect a lighthouse east and west of the island, which must not be fortified. It is further stipulated, the correspondent says, that only warships are to be allowed to coal there, so as not to injure the English coal trade at Aden.

WITHOUT ANYTHING FEMININE.

There is only one territory of any size—and never has been but one—occupied by any considerable population from which woman is absolutely excluded. Yet such a place exists today, and has existed for centuries. As far back as history reaches, to all females it has been forbidden ground. This country without women is situated on a bold plateau between the old peninsula of Aetia, in the Greek archipelago, and the mainland. Here, in the midst of uncultivated fields and extensive woodlands, dwells a monastic confederation of Greek Christians, with 23 convents and comprising more than 7,000 souls. Not one of the monasteries dates from a later time than the twelfth century. A few soldiers guard the borders of the land, and no woman is allowed to cross the frontier. Nor is this all; the rule is extended to every female creature, and from time immemorial no cow, mare, hen, duck or goose has been permitted to enter this territory.

COMMISSION INSTRUCTIONS.

Disbanding of Cuban Army and Thanks to the United States.

Santiago, Cuba, Nov. 23.—In general terms, the instructions given to the special commission from the Cuban assembly headed by Gen. Calixto Garcia, now in the United States, were the following:

- First—To bring to the consideration of the United States government the fact that, now Spanish control is ended, it is time for the Cubans to disband, unless required to assist the Americans to keep order, but that it would be a hardship to disband them without payment.
- Second—To request sufficient funds for this purpose out of the income derived from taxation throughout Cuba.
- Third—To offer the support of all classes of Cuban revolutionaries.
- Fourth—To thank the United States congress for the resolution of April, 1898, insuring the independence of Cuba.

THE CLAIMS TO BE CREDITED.

Southern States Cw the Government for Trust Funds of Indian Tribes.

Washington, Nov. 24.—The states of Louisiana, Florida, Tennessee, North and South Carolina and Virginia may have to whistle for the money expended by them in equipping their quotas of troops in the late war. This expense was to be reimbursed to them by the United States government, but under a decision rendered by the comptroller of the treasury to lay their claims against the government will not hold. The case in question grew out of the claim of Virginia for \$2,999,600, for the equipment of its troops. This claim was sent to the secretary of the treasury by the auditor of the war department for audit and warrant. It was subsequently referred by the secretary to the comptroller, with the statement that the United States held certain Virginia state and stock bonds, which represented the trust funds of certain Indian tribes and which the United States had been compelled to assume because of the failure of the state to meet the interest thereon and to pay the principal. The secretary further asked whether or not, under the act of March 3, 1875, he should not withhold payment of the claims so as to offset in part the indebtedness to the United States. The comptroller upheld the secretary and the amount of the state's claim will therefore be ordered to be turned into the treasury of the United States.

Under this decision all of the southern states indebted to the government for Indian trust funds will have their claims withheld and none of them according to the comptroller, is free from this kind of indebtedness. The secretary further asked whether or not, under the act of March 3, 1875, he should not withhold payment of the claims so as to offset in part the indebtedness to the United States. The comptroller upheld the secretary and the amount of the state's claim will therefore be ordered to be turned into the treasury of the United States.

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CANADA'S SEALING.

Estimates of Its Value Surprisingly Low, and Settlement Expected.

Washington, Nov. 24.—The Behring sea question was the main question before the Anglo-American commission Tuesday when it resumed its sessions after several days' recess. For the first time the two sides were prepared to exchange their estimates on the value of the Canadian sealing fleet, the purpose being to arrive at some fair valuation and retire the fleet by purchase. The initial steps in this direction were taken while the commission was at Quebec, since which time Capt. H. C. Taylor, in behalf of the Canadians, and Thayer, in behalf of the Americans, have been making appraisals of the fleet. After several weeks at Victoria, where the sealers rendezvoused, Capt. Taylor and Thayer have arrived here, accompanied by Capt. Cox, who represented the sealers. The two appraisers made their reports to the respective sides, and these reports in turn were exchanged by the commissioners with a view to common ground of agreement. It is understood that both appraisals are considerably below what was expected, and that instead of running into millions, they may not much exceed a half million. Under such circumstances strong hopes are expressed by members of the commission that a sum may be agreed upon for the buying of this industry and the final settlement of this long-pending and vexatious controversy. It is said, however, that there is still considerable difference between the appraisals of the Canadian and the American experts, which will have to be reconciled before an agreement is possible. After the joint meeting of the commission a special committee, consisting of Lord Herschell and Sir Louis Davies, Senator Fairbanks and ex-Secretary Foster, took up the Behring sea question. Besides the written reports of the appraisers, the latter were called in person and examined regarding the sealing fleet.

LIST OF ALL THE CASUALTIES.

Washington, Nov. 23.—From returns which are believed to be absolutely correct, the adjutant general's office has prepared a list of casualties in the Spanish-American war. The statement is as follows:

Laguna, June 24.—Killed, 1 officer and 15 men; wounded 9 officers and 44 men.

San Juan, July 1 to 3.—Killed 17 officers and 134 men; wounded 69 officers and 938 men.

El Caney, June 1.—Killed 4 officers and 84 men; wounded 24 officers and 332 men.

Aguadores, July 1.—Killed 3; wounded 2 officers and 10 men.

Around Santiago, July 10 to 12.—Killed 1 officer and 1 man; wounded 1 officer and 12 men.

Total killed, 23 officers and 234 men; wounded 102 officers; 1336 men.

ENGLAND OBJECTS

To the Emperor of China Being Superseded by Empress.

Tacoma, Wash., Nov. 23.—Sir Claude Macdonald, British minister at Peking, will represent to the Chinese government that the emperor should not be superseded by the empress on the simple pretext of the emperor's ill health. He will also object to suspension of reforms begun by the emperor before his removal. He recommends greater precaution against assaults on foreign residents. The British minister is negotiating with other ministers on these subjects.

GERMANY DISTURBED.

Doubts of American Sincerity in the "Open Door" Policy.

London, Nov. 24.—The Berlin correspondent of the Times who remarks this morning upon the "skepticism of the German critics regarding the sincerity of America's intentions to adopt the 'open door' policy in the Philippines," and calls attention of German speculators on the prospect of protection in the American possessions in the Pacific, says:

"The Neuste Nachrichten draws attention to the treaty of 1872 between Spain, Great Britain and Germany, securing freedom of trade in the Sulu archipelago for Anglo-German shipping, and says that Prince Bismarck at that time successfully contested Spain's claim to have the Sulu regarded as belonging to the Philippine group."

The correspondent draws attention to the fact that a section of the German press "hastily assumes that America will claim the Sulu, and suggests that this is a point upon which an understanding with Great Britain, with a view to joint action, appears indispensable."

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4-lb. pk's. Tip Top rolled oats,25c
Pure maple syrup, per qt.25c

MEDICAL SOCIETY.

The Doctors Had Several Interesting Matters—No Action Taken.

There was No Answer to the Letter From the Druggists' Records to Be Kept.

The Paducah Medical and Surgical society met last night with Dr. J. G. Brooks, on North Fifth street, with a good attendance.

The principal matters that came up for discussion were the letter from the druggists, denying that they are guilty of counter prescribing, and the matter of telephone service.

In the first the doctors decided that no action was necessary. It was decided to keep a record of every prescription made by a druggist, and at each meeting of the society to report it to that body. The doctors claim that they come across prescriptions written by druggists every few days, and when they ascertain names and dates, they will be ready to take more decided action, according to the result of last night's meeting.

THE MAY RAN.

Marshal Collins Thought He Was Drunk, and He Was, But He Could Move.

A clever man entered Mr. Jones' saloon on Second street last evening and asked the bartender to loan him a dollar out of the drawer. It would be all right, he said, but the bartender did not think so, and declined to grant the request. The man was so insolent that Marshal Collins, who was nearby, was asked to take him out. He did so, and "bumped" him on the outside, and thought he would have to have assistance as the prisoner did not appear able to walk. When he realized that he was in the clutches of an officer he braced himself against a post, pulled himself together, and with one mighty effort freed himself and ran away. He ran so rapidly that a race horse would have had a hard time keeping up with him, and he ran in as straight a line as a sober man could have gone. The marshal thinks a policeman may sometimes be misled in the degree of intoxication a man may have.

HE WAS DRUNK.

Thomas Webb's Parents Thought He Had Been Poisoned.

Thomas Webb is the name of a small colored boy who went to one of the colored schools. Yesterday afternoon he found a pint bottle of whiskey and thought it would be a nice adventure to drink it all, and find out how it felt. He drank the entire contents. In a short time he began to feel the effects of it, and the teacher did not know what to make of it. A carriage was sent for, and Thomas was conveyed home where Dr. P. H. Stewart was called.

"I guess he had gone pined hisself," an old woman sorrowfully said as she met the doctor at the door, and led him in. A hasty examination was made, and an injection of apomorphia administered. In a short time a change came over the spirits of Thomas' dreams, and this morning he had plenty of room for Thanksgiving dinner.

ANTI-EXPANSION IN NEW ENGLAND.

It is no new thing to have in New England a strong party, often a dominant party, opposed to the growth of the republic and antagonistic to the national principle.

New England federalism is about to assume an aggressive form. Senator Hoar is ready to accept Prof. Elliot Norton as his intellectual leader, and men of all parties are trying to get together in opposition to the administration in this policy of territorial expansion.

As in the old days when many of the most eminent men of New England were ready to sacrifice the union to destroy slavery, so now we have apostles and propagandists, newspapers and societies working to check, to thwart, to destroy any party that contends that war brought to us opportunities and duties which we cannot escape if we would and would not escape if we could.

The Herald, of Boston, is a muggump journal; it opposed the war with Spain, rejoiced at no American victories, praised the Spanish, and now sided the administration, and now insists that the war has been to America an unmitigated misfortune. In a recent issue the Herald said:

"We have called attention to the fact that the largest majority given to any member of congress from Massachusetts was that of Congressman McCall. The Springfield Republican, in commenting upon this result, remarks that Mr. McCall stood alone among Massachusetts representatives in voting against declaring war with Spain, and was the most recognized"

NEWS SUMMARY.

The president of Costa Rica will leave New York today for Washington, where he will be entertained by members of the cabinet.

The stockholders of the Riverside Improvement company, a wealthy corporation, have asked for a receiver for the company. Company's capital stock is \$500,000.

At Budapest yesterday the students made a demonstration against the police and the latter was obliged to disperse them.

Gen. Brooks cabled the war department from Porto Rico that no deaths occurred yesterday in his command.

Appellate Court Judge Gordon, of Philadelphia, has resigned and Gov. Hastings has accepted his resignation.

The Anglo-American commission met at Washington yesterday discussing the Behring sea question. The day was devoted to further rigid cross-examination of the American and Canadian experts as to the basis for their appraisals of the value of the Canadian sealing fleet.

After a lengthy executive session the postal commission yesterday adjourned at Chicago.

Harry Babrick, the defaulting city clerk of Pittsford, Ga., is locked up at Columbus, Ohio, waiting the arrival of officers.

James Archibald, a "Frisco" newspaper man, while the war investigating committee said there was plenty of food and no unusual hardships for the army during the recent war.

In the sensational disbarment case against State Senator Burke, at Cleveland, O., the trial committee retired to find a verdict.

At New York the jury in the case of the United States against Max J. Lasar, diamond dealer, for the forfeiture of about \$40,000 worth of diamonds, which it was charged were smuggled into the country by Lasar, returned a verdict today forfeiting the diamonds to the government.

The imperial yacht Hohenzollern, with the emperor and empress of Germany on board, arrived at Pola, Austria.

"And this change will not be at the expense of New England. The great West has been built up but not at New England's expense. The population, wealth, commerce and industry of New England are far greater today than when Josiah Quincy, a political Mrs. Partington was trying to stay the waves of progress, greater than when the first secessionists were trying to form a new England republic, separate from the American republic. The ills predicted by these prophets of evil have never fallen on us; the cursings of these prophets of Babel have changed to blessings. Progress is the law of existence and New England should conform to it without so much idle resistance. America is going forward and will drag New England with her, because, let the scholars and senators of New England say what they will, the heart of New England beats in time with the heart of the West."

TAX NOTICE.

Paducah, Ky., Nov. 24, 1898.

All city taxes for the year 1898 must be paid on or before December 1st, or an additional penalty will be added of 5 per cent. against all taxes one-half of which were paid during June, and 10 per cent. on taxes, one-half of which have not been paid as enumerated.

After December 1st, I will begin to levy and sell as taxes must be paid.

H. F. LYON,
City Tax Collector.

LOW RATE TO ST. LOUIS.

On account of the meeting of the Good Road & Public Improvement association, the Illinois Central railroad will on Nov. 19th, 20th and 21st sell tickets to St. Louis and return at one fare plus \$2.00 for the round trip, good returning until Nov. 26. J. T. DONOVAN, Agt. td

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LIST OF PATENTS.

The following list of patents have been granted to Kentucky and Tennessee inventors this week, reported by C. A. Snow & Co., patent attorneys, Washington, D. C.: W. Bestie Memphis, apparatus and composition for repairing pneumatic tires; A. P. Gaines, South Pittsburg, Tenn., cooling device for furnace walls; E. T. Goodhue, Covington, Ky., grinding machine; W. P. Owsley Cypress, Ky., filter; For copy of any of the above patents send in cents in postage stamps with date of this paper to C. A. Snow & Co., Washington, D. C.

TUTT'S MURDER CASE.

The murder case of Will Tutt, colored, is set for trial in the circuit court at Mayfield. Tutt killed his wife in August, 1897, was tried, convicted and sentenced to be hanged, but was given a new trial by court of appeals. The case is a clear one and he will doubtless be re-convicted.

ONE MAN FINED.

C. S. Johnson, of the Lamont section of the county, was arraigned before County Judge Tully yesterday afternoon on the charge of striking Felix Hudson eighteen times with his fist. Hudson is 78 years of age, and Johnson 42. The latter was fined \$5 and costs.

TRIAL IN JUSTICE WINCHESTER'S COURT.

Ed Freed, of Mechanicsburg, and J. O. Jones, of Broad street groceryman, were arraigned before Squire Winchester yesterday on the charge of using abusive language. The charges could not be proven and the cases were dismissed.

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Good 5-room house, North Side, 4 blocks of Palmer house. Lot 57 feet and 9 inches by 165 feet. Price \$1,850, \$1,050 cash and balance in 328 1/2 Broadway.

There is to be a shooting match in Mechanicsburg Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings. 22a 1/2

CRIME AND TERROR.

Between Desperados and Official Corruption, the Island is in a Bad State.

Havana, Nov. 23 (via Key West).—The last few days have seen a revival of activity in every quarter. Things appear to take on more definite form in every branch of military occupation. Here at Havana wharves are being built and water connections made. The camps chosen have already begun to be constructed. Government boats and supplies are arriving, and the first installment of United States troops is expected on Friday. The best energies of the Spanish now seem bent upon an immediate evacuation of the island. All this has had a salutary effect upon the general tone of commercial and social life in the city, which looks to the immediate future for relief from a long season of doubt and stagnation.

With the advent of cooler weather the health of the general public has improved. No new cases of yellow fever among foreigners have been recorded, and the situation can be said to be visibly better.

The newly constituted police force known as the Rifles, make a very poor substitute for the disbanded Orden Publico. The alarming increase in vice and crime renders it unsafe to walk the streets unarmed or unprotected after nightfall.

Corruption, bribery and wholesale stealing in the military and civil administration continue unchecked. As already cabled, the mayor of Havana, on his own responsibility, without the sanction of the city council and board of aldermen, increased the city budget for the salaries of municipal officers and employees from \$34,000 to \$54,000. The board of aldermen, at their last session, resolved not to confirm the mayor's action, thus compelling him to pay the difference out of his own pocket.

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